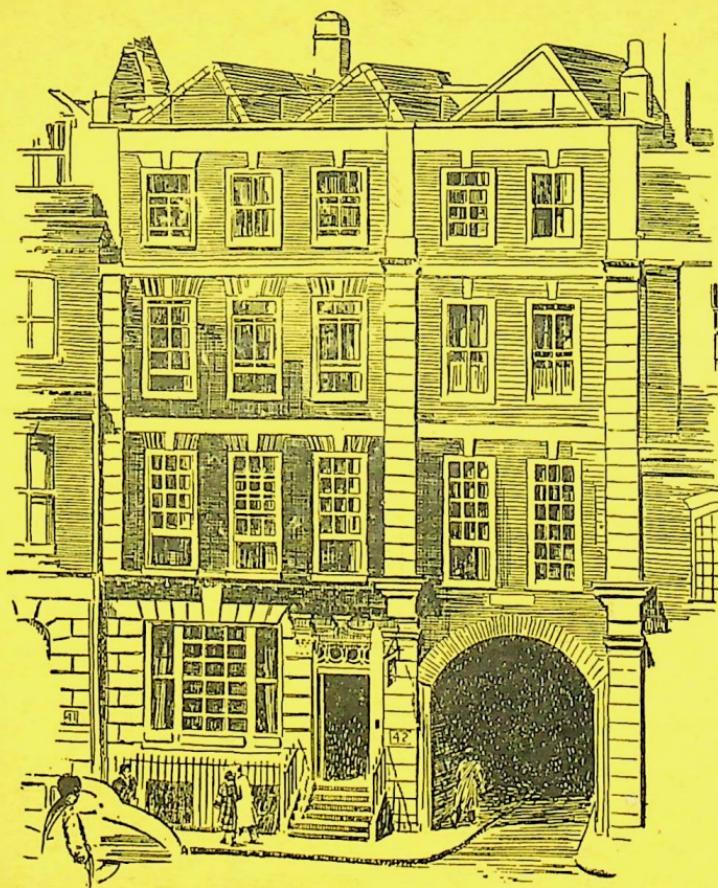


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OLD year; New Year—old ideas; new ideas; all the time one grows out of the other like an echo from a ringing bell.

There is an illusion that a New Year begins when windows and doors are thrown wide open to a cold starred midnight of bells—or even to a midnight of maroons muted by fog—but it is all part of the linked history of life, a new echo added to the sound of what has gone before.

It is this linking, one idea with another; one happening leading to another; one chance word opening a whole discovery, that is fascinating to watch and sometimes to trace. It is a game to discover how any conversation reaches the point when you stop it and say: "How *could* we have got to *this*?" and then to wind it backwards, thought by thought, till you come to the point when you all said hallo or good evening and the whole thing began from that moment.

RE-LISTEN to the talk one has in trains: buying a hat; picking out a cauliflower—if you are "interested in people", the conversation scarcely ever leaves off on the subject where it starts; you have probably put an idea into someone else's mind; they have probably put one or two into yours.

Recently, when I went down to New Malden to talk about THE LOG, I certainly talked—sometimes it takes a lot to stop me—and I came back with some ideas from members present—which is part of the reason for the buttercup yellow cover this month. When I accepted that invitation, and began to talk, I had no idea that it would help to put a new front on the magazine!

And before I left, they told me that one more had been added to the circulation—Branches could, in some but not all cases (some Branches, I believe, take a LOG per member), brighten up the circulation still more, and I would like to see it swinging merrily upwards like a New Year bell.

My wishes to you for a happy New Year to add to all the other New Years like a link in a chain of growing happiness.

Editor: BARBARA VISE

CHAIN

TO the man or woman who has no religion the spectacle of Toc H Women's Association engaging in a day of continuous prayer for Toc H throughout the world must be nothing short of the ridiculous. But to the man or woman who does believe, it is neither ludicrous nor ridiculous. For, if God exists; if man is capable of achieving some measure of contact with Him; then there is nothing absurd in, as it were, holding up people before God. For that is what Intercession really is—holding up people before God.

But let us be quite clear about one thing. God does not care less for people because I do not pray for them. Unlike myself, God is good. He is never lazy, never too busy, never forgetful. He is concerned with every man, woman and child. He is no respecter of persons, and his sun and rain fall alike on the just and unjust—that is, He is good to both good and bad.

There is another thing we had better be sure about. It is that prayer is never an attempt to



John Durham

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ACROSS THE WORLD

The substance of a Sermon preached at All Hallows-by-the-Tower by the Rev. John Durham, Deputy Vicar, on Michaelmas Day, 1957

bend God's Will to my desires; that is magic. On the contrary, prayer is the attempt to align my desires with God's Will.

If God is good and loving to all alike, why then should I go to the trouble and bother of praying for someone? For it is no use pretending that prayer, of whatever kind, is not difficult; it is often a trouble, and sometimes a bore. Why then intercede? I think that there are at least these reasons:

(a) Those who believe in prayer, and who know that we are praying for them, have, I believe, a sense of being upheld and strengthened. They know that they are not forgotten.

(b) Intercession is a practical example of the Communion of Saints. "Bound together across the world by the unseen chain of thy love". Our prayer is a link in the chain of God's love. God permits that to be true. And a chain which does not stretch merely from one side of this world to the other, but from this world to the next. Prayer traverses death's chasm.

(c) We pray that the Will of God may be done in and through those for whom we pray. Here let it be said that it is so much easier to pray for people if we know their circumstances, their special problems and difficulties. If we are praying for someone in, say, Cape Town, let us try to get to know something about that city and the special problems confronting Christians in S. Africa. We must try to pray intelligently and imaginatively.

(d) Many people will claim from their own experience that prayer helps, and such claims are not to be dismissed lightly. It seems clear that some kind of communication can take place between two people who are at a distance from each other. This communication is between person A and person B. But in prayer a third Person has to be counted. My thought does not proceed just from myself to the other person; it moves from myself, through God, to that other person. It is not A and B; it is A and God and B.

I suggest that Tennyson was right when he wrote in his "Morte D'Arthur":

"Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

"SO

MURIEL M. EDWARDS of the Nursing Recruitment Service explains the puzzle picture of nursing to-day when there are 50% more nurses and midwives at work now than before the war but everyone cries out at the "shortage"!



THE word "nurse" should carry comforting associations. Evidently it did for Shakespeare, who wrote (in *Cymbeline*):

"So kind, so dutious, diligent,
So tender over his occasions, true,
Sofeat, so nurse-like."

What a pity that nowadays it carries so often the association "shortage". Why is there a shortage? Have girls ceased to want to be nurses? On the contrary, nursing recruitment has shown an upward trend over many years and there are over 50% more nurses and midwives at work now than there were before the war. In the last seven years or so, the increase has been dramatic. The shortage arises largely from the apparently insatiable demand which has increased alongside recruitment, though fortunately not quite so rapidly recently.

The ratio of nurses to patients has become much higher in order that the nurses may have more reasonable working hours and holidays, and the student nurses a fair allowance of time for study. We have become a hospital-minded people who look to the hospital as the obvious refuge in medical emergency, and not as a last resort to be avoided whenever possible (less than a hundred years ago Miss Nightingale found it necessary to point out that the first requisite of a hospital was that it should not harm the patients!) Some thousands of beds which were out of use for lack of staff have been re-opened. The average daily number of patients (taking the year as a whole) is about 426,000 in England and Wales alone, whereas in 1949 it was only about 397,500. This means 28,500 more patients to be nursed every day. Out-patient attendances have gone up by more than 1,755,000 a year. In public health work the demand for nurses has gone up similarly, and in home nursing the needs

NURSE-LIKE"

of old people, who form an increasing proportion of the total population, make a special claim.

On top of all this, nursing (in hospital at any rate) is a twenty-four hour service, seven days a week. Is it any wonder that nurses always seem busy, or that they cannot be given the equivalent of "office hours" if the patients are to be looked after adequately?

But many thousands who take up nursing find that its rewards outweigh its demands—the satisfaction of doing a job which is self-evidently worth while; human interest; a "daily round" in which every act can be seen directly in the service of other people; the companionship of those with similar interests.

Leaving the intangible but very real rewards, and going on to material things, a girl can train and obtain a professional qualification in nursing without any financial help if need be, since there are no training fees, and the student nurse receives a training allowance of £273-£299 for the three-year course. If she lives at the hospital she pays at the rate of £123 a year for board and lodging. Her uniform is provided, laundry is free and she has no travelling expenses to and from work. Once she is trained and goes on to the salaried staff she receives £439-£646 a year as staff nurse and ward sister. Matrons' salaries range between £683-£1,355. Health visitors receive £555-£690, district nurses and district midwives receive £467-£641, and here again the highest posts carry four-figure salaries.

Unlike other professions, nursing is open to girls from a wide range of educational backgrounds. A good general education is a great asset in a nursing career. At the same time, the girl whose general education ceased at fifteen is not debarred from nursing, provided she is vocationally suitable and has the intelligence to reach the standard required for passing the State examinations, or is able to develop the practical skill needed by an assistant nurse.

THERE is full scope in nursing for girls of outstanding ability from the universities, grammar and public schools. Those who hope to enter one of the large well-known hospitals should aim at passing in at least four academic subjects at ordinary level in the general certificate of education examination (English language or English literature being one). Other approved hospital training schools welcome candidates from the secondary

modern and technical schools, and women who left school some years ago, or whose education has proceeded on other lines.

Those who would find the examinations for State registration too difficult can now take a one-year course of training on simpler lines, followed by one year's nursing practice under supervision, in order to become State enrolled assistant nurses. There are training schools for assistant nurses in many parts of the country. The older candidate who has not been able to keep up the habit of study is welcomed. For those whose domestic responsibilities make a full-time course impracticable, a few experimental schemes of part-time training spread over a longer period have been arranged. After qualification, those who want to find satisfying work and to put their experience to good use have varied opportunities in hospitals of many types, in home nursing and in industrial nursing.

EVERYONE knows the names of a few famous hospitals, but only a fraction of those who apply can be given training places in them. How is each girl to know of the most suitable training schools to which she can apply (having regard to her particular circumstances and aptitudes) with a reasonable chance of being accepted? The Nursing Recruitment Service was founded some years ago by King Edward's Hospital Fund for this very purpose of giving individual advice to prospective nurses, as well as spreading up-to-date and accurate information about nursing as a career. Every year the Nursing Recruitment Service sends out speakers on nursing to girls' schools in any part of the country and to other groups of young people. Opportunities of talking to the parents of potential nurses are greatly welcomed. The aim is to give the general public, and particularly the young people of the country, an idea of the real merits and rewards of a career in nursing, without attempting to shed any sort of glamour over it. At the same time, some thousands of girls (and sometimes their parents) and a smaller number of young men interested in nursing, are advised by the trained staff of the Nursing Recruitment Service, who know of the training facilities all over the country and of the varying entrance requirements at the different hospital training schools. Candidates are given the addresses of what appear to be the most suitable training schools, according to their circumstances and aptitudes—one, for instance, may need to begin at the earliest possible moment, another is willing for her name to go on the waiting list of a well-known hospital, and yet another, who left school at fifteen and is now well over twenty, may do better in a smaller hospital where there is more opportunity for individual coaching.

State registration may be obtained in general nursing, or in

the nursing of sick children, or fever nursing, or those most important branches, the nursing of the mentally ill or the mentally defective. Those who could not manage the full course of study and the examinations for State registration are advised to take the good practical nursing course preparing for State enrolment as assistant nurses. The Service also advises on training for the recognised qualifications in midwifery, and on the special courses in orthopaedic or ophthalmic nursing, or in the nursing of tuberculosis. This advisory work is carried on through interviews when these are practicable, also by detailed personal correspondence, since the Service is known not only in this country but in many other parts of the world, and many who hope to train are not able to come for a preliminary interview before applying to a hospital.

Girls too young to become student nurses (the minimum age for this is eighteen) are encouraged to stay at school and continue their general education as long as possible and are given suggestions for suitable ways of "bridging the gap" if they have to leave school before they are old enough to enter hospital. If they first apply to the Recruitment Service at a very early age they are followed-up from time to time, to keep up their interest in nursing and to remind them that help and advice are always available.

The Matrons of many of the larger hospitals pass on to the Nursing Recruitment Service the applicants whom they are not able to accept, so that they may be encouraged to apply to other hospitals where their application might be welcomed. Much work is done with older candidates also, who are seeking a new life in nursing, or who have been prevented (perhaps by home claims) from taking it up as soon as they would have liked to. The Service knows of hospitals which will accept candidates well over thirty years of age and can generally suggest a hospital training school at which the older woman might find contemporaries among the student nurses or the pupil assistant nurses.

In these and many other ways the Nursing Recruitment Service seeks to serve all that large section of the general public which is interested in nursing, as well as to help the hospitals to recruit sufficient staff for the nursing of their patients. Enquiries on any matter relating to nursing are welcomed. Those who would like advice about their own arrangements (or possibly those of their daughters) but are unable to come for an interview, should write, giving full particulars such as age, school-leaving age and educational standard, the part of the country in which it is hoped to train, and any other information which would help the trained nurses on the staff to give the best possible advice. Speakers on nursing as a career are sent without charge to any part of the country. Enquiries may be addressed to the Secretary, Nursing Recruitment Service, 21 Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

The MARINERS' Chapel

AT the impressive re-dedication ceremony of All Hallows I looked round the packed South Aisle, the Mariners' Chapel; light streamed through the windows with their coloured heraldic panels, and the simple solid oak pews with the donors' crests at each end were filled with representatives of the merchants and river traders of London.

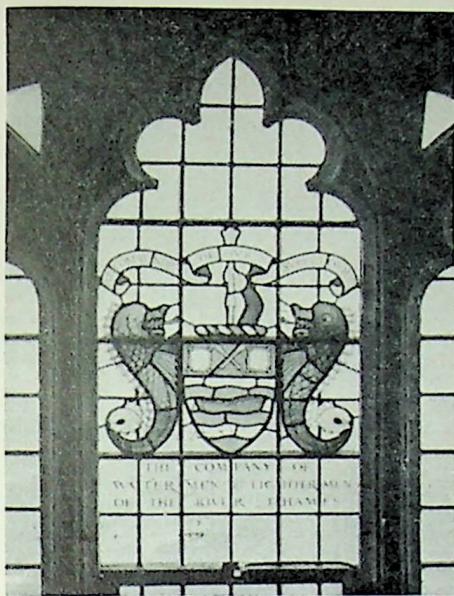
My thoughts went back to a day in 1953 when I went home to my house in a Knightsbridge Square intending to pack for a visit to Oxfordshire. I found a telephone message—"The Rev. P. B. Clayton would like you to take him to see A.A.M. in hospital in Sussex tomorrow morning". My first thought, "I can't put everything off", was soon banished when I telephoned to him, for he concluded firmly that I would go to breakfast, and we should drive off afterwards and be back at lunch-time, and I need only transfer my departure till the afternoon. So plans were changed, and after the Early Service in the North Aisle of All Hallows and breakfast in Talbot House, we set off.

I had heard much of the famous founder of Toc H, but was totally unprepared for the remarkable lightning mind, expressing successively anxiety for the sick, gaiety and delight in the journey through the countryside, and great wisdom and humility. It was only towards the end of the afternoon that, after I had heard some of the story of All Hallows, he spoke gravely about the appalling havoc by bombs and fire in 1940, which left only the Crypt and Undercroft, the shell of the Tower, and fragments of the walls. The only possible comment was: "How can I help?", and the answer was that the furnishing of the Mariners' Chapel was one of the problems still outstanding, despite the generous help of friends at home and overseas.

In May, 1954, I undertook to be Secretary of a Sub-Committee for the Mariners' Chapel, and was authorised to invite and appoint suitable members. The objects were to decide upon the furnishings for the chapel in the South Aisle of All Hallows, such as pews, model votive ships, coats of arms for the windows, and any other things needed, and to obtain them.

We were fortunate to get together a Committee of thirteen, able, distinguished and widely representative of the shipwrights and watermen of London River. Their names, and the bodies they represent, were as follows: Mr. Ian Hooper (London General Shipowners' Association), Mr. A. Butcher (National Union of Seamen), Captain H. F. Chase (Hon. Company of Master Mariners), Commander A. M. Coleman (Port of London Authority), Captain W. H. Coombs (Officers' M.N. Federation), Commodore L. F. Hubbard (Trinity House), Mr. W. Kitchener

MRS. MARTIN de SELINCOURT writes of the restoration
and refurnishing of the Mariners' Chapel of All Hallows



The arms of the Honourable Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames

(Watermen, Lightermen, Tugmen and Bargemen's Union), Mr. S. R. Smith (Merchant Navy & Air Line Officers' Association). Lord Mottistone represented the Architects, Messrs. Seely & Paget, the late Colonel Carkeet-James, Governor of the Tower, the Restoration Committee of All Hallows (he was succeeded by Colonel F. Follett Holt), and the Rev. P. B. Clayton and Mr. W. R. Goff (Hon. Secretary of All Hallows Restoration Committee) were *ex-Officio* members. Between June, 1954, and May, 1957, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ian Hooper, we held about twelve meetings, which were always surprisingly well attended by the busy Committee members.

In 1955 a brochure was compiled giving a short history of All Hallows and details of the needs of the Mariners' Chapel. In the autumn of 1956 the Chairman sent out a personal appeal with the brochure to about 90 shipping companies, the Customs, P.L.A., Trinity House, Lloyds, the National Union of Seamen,

the National Dock Labour Board, the Merchant Navy and Air Line Officers' Association, the Institute of Marine Engineers, the Institute of Naval Architects, the Hon. Company of Master Mariners, the Association of Public Wharfingers, the Watermen, Lightermen, Tugmen and Bargemen's Union, the Watermen's Company, and the Association of Master Lightermen and Barge-owners.

By May 1957 we had all the 15 pews needed, one long and one short kneeler, the Altar, the Communion rail, the candlesticks, Crucifix and several window plaques: sufficient money had come in to pay for the balustrade to the crypt stairs, the reredos screen with carved panels, and various soft furnishings. On July 23rd, at the re-dedication, almost all were in place.



• NOTES

By A.B.S.M.

READERS of the interesting article about the Mariners' Chapel in All Hallows may like to be reminded of a much earlier association of the church with its Thames-side parishioners.



In the year 1278 a shipowner in the parish, Edward Grobbe, by his will left his ship, the *Blewebolla*, to be sold for the benefit of All Hallows. Then, in 1432, John Rolff, a shipwright of Pety Wales (the piece of land lying between All Hallows and the Thames), expressed in his will the desire that his lighter, *le John*, should be sold in order to carry out his bequests. Both these early benefactors are commemorated in a small window of the South or Mariners' Aisle, near the west end; and there, with Col. Carkeet-James, Chairman of the Restoration Committee, they flank the small version of the beautiful stained glass Tower of London window.



Through this low window may be seen, across the derelict sites of ruined houses (including our own old New Junc), the varied traffic of the Pool of London—barges, lighters and tugs, cargo-ships and pleasure boats—passing up and down on the tides about their business. No doubt this entrancing view will in time be shut out by the erection of modern buildings, a face-lifting operation to which the ancient City is gradually (and perhaps reluctantly) submitting. Let us enjoy it while we can.

So, with this history of friendly association between All Hallows and the Thames, it is just and fitting that among the new stained glass panels in the windows of the Mariners' Aisle should be one showing the arms of one of the most ancient of the City Companies, the Honourable Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames, which originated in the fifteenth century or earlier. Two delightful dolphins, aquamarine in colour and upright in posture (standing on their tails), support between them a shield with the arms of the company. Their motto—*At command of our superiors*—speaks of service rendered to the community.

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One other item of interest in this south side of the church is the Crucifix, which is seen over the little semi-circular wooden Altar Table in the semi-circular Sanctuary. The ivory figure is of Spanish workmanship and is dated 1560. It was found in Cornwall and may have been a part of the furnishings of some Spanish ship wrecked on those dangerous coasts. The wooden cross on which the figure hangs is made of wood from the *Cutty Sark*, the most famous of all the clippers and the last of them to sail the seas. She is now laid up in dry dock, down the river at Greenwich. But in her age and retirement she is an example to all, beautiful as ever and a continuing inspiration to the children who play around her and to the visitors who come to see her.

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OVERSEAS STUDENTS

By CELIA POWELL

DO you remember that when Ghana had its Independence celebrations last summer, Dr. Nkrumah had specially invited his one-time London landlady to be present? That surely suggests a happy state of affairs, and one we should want to see repeated for very many of the thousands of overseas students who are here, and who come to Britain each year for part of their education.

The British Council plays a very large part in helping to look after them. For instance, in London and nineteen other centres, there are arrangements for spare-time activities which are open to any overseas student, irrespective of his country or subject of study. First, there are International Clubs. In London, with an overseas student population of 15,000-17,000, the Club can take 1,500 in any one year, and so membership is confined to those in their first year. The programme is varied and includes classes, socials, dances, interesting visits, and talks by distinguished people on all sorts of subject. It is hoped that during their year, students will find their feet and will then be better able to make their own plans for leisure time activities and will, if possible, have begun to make some roots in the places where they are living.

Then there are week-end and vacation courses, designed to show students as much as possible of our way of life. And private hospitality is arranged, so that students may be invited to people's homes.

Advice about the use of the National Health Service is always available, and so is help and advice about our money (not easy for strangers), shopping, living in lodgings, and so on.

THEN for the colonial students whose coming has been notified to the British Council, there is someone to meet them when they first arrive at port or airport. This is a tremendous job; from 1950 to March, 1958, it is reckoned that 30,000 such students will have been met, coming from such parts of the world as Malaya, Ghana, and Ceylon. They are helped with their baggage, and put up in one of the Council's hostels. Next morning they are put in touch with their Government's representatives here, given all sorts of practical information about getting about London, seen on their way if they have a further journey to make, or helped to find registered and inspected lodgings if they need them.

Does all this suggest that there is nothing left for the voluntary

societies like ourselves to do in helping to welcome these young men and women? This is *far* from being the case. There is always need of *more* people who will offer to give hospitality of one sort and another, whether it be for a meal or a holiday, and there is a constant need for people who can offer to let a room to such a student. If any members or Branches feel that this is a job with which they would like to help, though they have not done so before, their Regional Secretary can give them the name of their nearest British Council Secretary, or they should write to the British Council (Student Welfare Department), 3 Hanover Street, London, W.1.

The importance of building up friendly contacts between ourselves and some of these overseas students can hardly be too much stressed, and it is surely a job which should bring much interest and satisfaction to the hostess and her family, as some of those who have had an overseas nurse to stay for a holiday will be able to endorse.

“WE WILL REMEMBER”

Elizabeth Mouncey—*Darlington* 1.10.51—2.8.57.

Elizabeth Bardsley Cherry—

Levenshulme 16.10.51—7.10.57.

Alice Smith—*Stamford* 13.4.47—2.9.57.

Eliza Rutley—*Cullompton* 3.10.50—8.9.57.

Amy Goodwin—*Radipole* 20.10.52— .10.57

Jessie Winifred Nott—*Former member of, then*

Builder attached to Totnes Branch. 25.9.45—13.9.57

Emilie Jane Malcolm—*Transvaal Central Branch—*

Founder member of Johannesburg Branch

1926—31.8.57.

Louisa Kate Blundy—*Leatherhead* 9.4.54—23.9.57.

Muriel Joyce Hatton—*West Wight* 19.6.51—1.10.57.

Maud Heath—*Old Ford* 9.7.29—6.11.57.

Barbara Nutter—*Scarborough* 8.11.55—25.10.57.

Catherine A. S. Teague—*Central Portsmouth*

28.3.36—13.10.57

Mabel Webber—*Taunton* 7.12.50—28.10.57

Marguerite Isabella Willshaw—*Deal and Walmer*

18.12.50—8.11.57.

Florence Edith Worthy—*Northallerton*

19.2.54—29.9.57.

Hannah Maria Bebb—*Treorchy* 3.12.43—14.3.57.

A. M. Dennis—*Cromer* 10.11.50—2.11.57.

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June 7th/14th—R. L. Wheatley, Toc H, 20 Gordon Chambers, 11 Houndsgate, Nottingham.

July 5th/12th—C. Cattell, St. Catherine's, Highfield Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

July 12th/19th—J. Clark, 47 Francis Street, S.W.1.

July 19th/26th—A. S. Greenacre, c/o Talbot House Club for Seafaring Boys, Brunswick Square, Southampton.

August 2nd/9th—Miss R. Relf, 8 Cumberland Walk, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

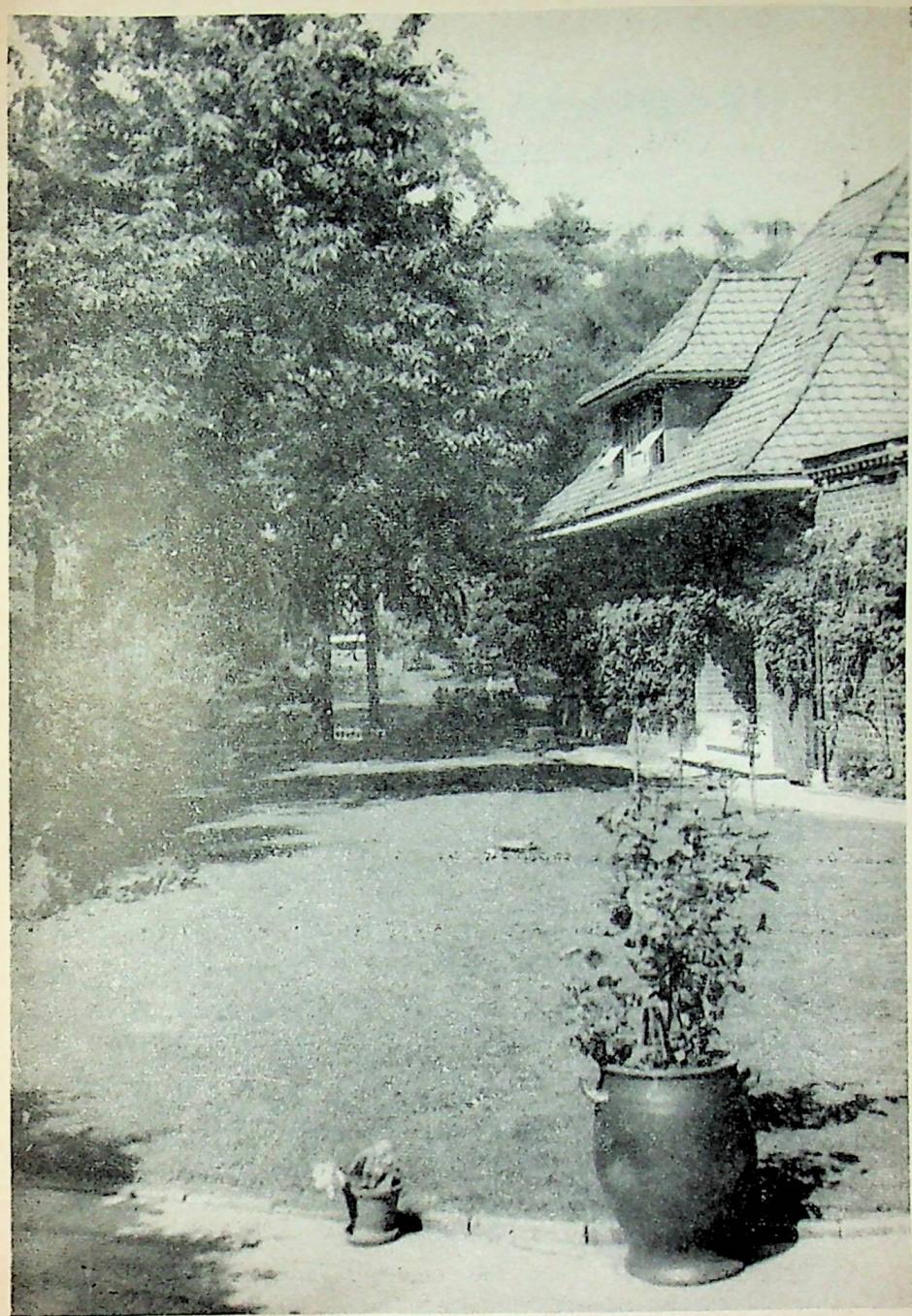
August 16th/23rd—S. J. Neilly, 11 Brookside South, East Barnet, Herts.

August 23rd/30th—Toc H Women's Association Summer Holiday Week: Miss Celia Powell, 47 Crib Street, Ware, Herts. (For men and women.)

August 30th/September 6th—Mrs. Davidson, Cross Cottage, Kirkby Lonsdale, via Carnforth, Lancs.

By ELSA PERRIN

Many thanks to Toc H JOURNAL for lending us the block of this lovely garden photograph taken at Poperinge



OVERSEAS STUDENTS

By CELIA POWELL

DO you remember that when Ghana had its Independence celebrations last summer, Dr. Nkrumah had specially invited his one-time London landlady to be present? That surely suggests a happy state of affairs, and one we should want to see repeated for very many of the thousands of overseas students who are here, and who come to Britain each year for part of their education.

The British Council plays a very large part in helping to look after them. For instance, in London and nineteen other centres, there are arrangements for spare-time activities which are open to any overseas student, irrespective of his country or subject of study. First, there are International Clubs. In London, with an overseas student population of 15,000-17,000, the Club can take 1,500 in any one year, and so membership is confined to those in their first year. The programme is varied and includes classes, socials, dances, interesting visits, and talks by distinguished people on all sorts of subject. It is hoped that during their year, students will find their feet and will then be better able to make their own plans for leisure time activities and will, if possible, have begun to make some roots in the places where they are living.

Then there are week-end and vacation courses, designed to show students as much as possible of our way of life. And private hospitality is arranged, so that students may be invited to people's homes.

Advice about the use of the National Health Service is always available, and so is help and advice about our money (not easy for strangers), shopping, living in lodgings, and so on.

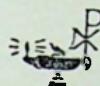
THEN for the colonial students whose coming has been notified to the British Council, there is someone to meet them when they first arrive at port or airport. This is a tremendous job; from 1950 to March, 1958, it is reckoned that 30,000 such students will have been met, coming from such parts of the world as Malaya, Ghana, and Ceylon. They are helped with their baggage, and put up in one of the Council's hostels. Next morning they are put in touch with their Government's representatives here, given all sorts of practical information about getting about London, seen on their way if they have a further journey to make, or helped to find registered and inspected lodgings if they need them.

Does all this suggest that there is nothing left for the voluntary

societies like ourselves to do in helping to welcome these young men and women? This is far from being the case. There is always need of *more* people who will offer to give hospitality of one sort and another, whether it be for a meal or a holiday, and there is a constant need for people who can offer to let a room to such a student. If any members or Branches feel that this is a job with which they would like to help, though they have not done so before, their Regional Secretary can give them the name of their nearest British Council Secretary, or they should write to the British Council (Student Welfare Department), 3 Hanover Street, London, W.1.

The importance of building up friendly contacts between ourselves and some of these overseas students can hardly be too much stressed, and it is surely a job which should bring much interest and satisfaction to the hostess and her family, as some of those who have had an overseas nurse to stay for a holiday will be able to endorse.

“WE WILL REMEMBER”



Elizabeth Mouncey—*Darlington* 1.10.51—2.8.57.

Elizabeth Bardsley Cherry—

Levenshulme 16.10.51—7.10.57.

Alice Smith—*Stamford* 13.4.47—2.9.57.

Eliza Rutley—*Cullompton* 3.10.50—8.9.57.

Amy Goodwin—*Radipole* 20.10.52— .10.57

Jessie Winifred Nott—Former member of, then

Builder attached to Totnes Branch. 25.9.45—13.9.57

Emilie Jane Malcolm—*Transvaal Central Branch*—

Founder member of Johannesburg Branch

1926—31.8.57.

Louisa Kate Blundy—*Leatherhead* 9.4.54—23.9.57.

Muriel Joyce Hatton—*West Wight* 19.6.51—1.10.57.

Maud Heath—*Old Ford* 9.7.29—6.11.57.

Barbara Nutter—*Scarborough* 8.11.55—25.10.57.

Catherine A. S. Teague—*Central Portsmouth*

28.3.36—13.10.57

Mabel Webber—*Taunton* 7.12.50—28.10.57

Marguerite Isabella Willshaw—*Deal and Walmer* 18.12.50—8.11.57.

Florence Edith Worthy—*Northallerton*

19.2.54—29.9.57.

Hannah Maria Bebb—*Treorchy* 3.12.43—14.3.57.

A. M. Dennis—*Cromer* 10.11.50—2.11.57.

NOTES AND NEWS

THIS FEATURE GETS LONGER—MORE AND
MORE BRANCHES AND PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE
TO IT—SO KEEP YOUR "PIECE" SHORTER

LUTON DISTRICT: Flora E. Hunn reports: About 60 members of Luton District (Balldock, Biscot, Batford, Luton, Dunstable and Harpenden) attended a District Re-Dedication Service at Balldock Parish Church, conducted by Canon Brenchley, who spoke on Prayer. The Canon took the Ceremony of Light and Balldock Branch acted as host and provided refreshments after the Service. It is hoped that this will become a yearly event, each Branch taking it in turn to act as host.

PLYMSTOCK: M. Rundle writes: We are wondering if the enclosed snapshot (see page 21) would be of interest for *THE LOG*. It was taken when our members entertained No. 2 Branch, O.A.P. Association, St. Barnabas, Plymouth. We put on a musical gypsy play, written by one of our members. Our Branch visits the four Old People's Clubs in the district.

KENT Get-together at Hythe, reports Lily H. Ball, was on October 5th, 1957. The snapshot (page 22) shows some of those who attended, and both speakers. It was taken outside Moyle Tower, where we stayed.

AFFILIATED: Celia Powell reports two affiliated schools, not yet mentioned in *THE LOG*: Larkfield Grammar School, Chepstow, where our correspondent's name is Mrs. M. E. Evans; and Ackworth School, Ackworth, Pontefract, Yorkshire, which is a co-educational school, and Mr. A. Brighton is the correspondent both for boys and girls.

DAWLISH: Madge Burgen, Chairwoman, writes: We spent Michaelmas Day with wonderful co-operation from all members. Our Pilot, Alice Jerman, started the day of prayer by taking Light at 9 a.m. in the Toc H room, where several members attended; others either said prayers at home or attended their own places of worship. In the evening, eighteen members went out to Holcombe Church to a Service arranged by the Branch Padre, Mr. M. Draper, with the Vicar of Holcombe, Mr. Nicklin. After the Service the Vicar and Mrs. Nicklin invited all the members back to the Vicarage.

WENVOE BRANCH, writes B. M. Williams, experimented with a Harvest Supper for their Special Effort at the end of September. One of the members undertook to print 130 tickets, and 130 people sat down to a delightful supper. Tables were decorated with vases of corn and flowers and grotesque faces were carved out of swedes and lit with nightlights. After the meal there was a most enjoyable variety entertainment. Many who were present



The "gypsies" of Plymstock . . . taken when the group entertained a local O.A.P. Association (see more about it opposite).

Milton Branch members and knitting they have done for B.E.L.R.A. Other jobs they are doing are described in Notes and News.





*Kent Get-together—
speakers and some of
the members who at-
tended at Hythe*

had their first insight into Toc H, and, however the family purse benefits, Toc H made its presence felt in this little village.

MORGANNWG DISTRICT (South Wales)—Mrs. Williams again reporting—held a Get-together, on October 11th, to hear Jean Perry speak on Toc H development since the beginning. It was a most stimulating and inspiring talk which made us all realise our responsibility to the Movement and urged us to greater efforts. Members of Penarth West Branch then formed themselves into a Skiffle Group.

MILTON: Hilda Dibble says, I don't think you have had a report from Milton Branch for some time. Perhaps you would be interested to know some of the jobs we do. Each Sunday two members go to the hospital for two hours. Then there is a rota to help with the Old Folks, giving out teas, and so on. We help at a clinic, visit old people, help with the handicapped; some of us sit on a committee of Road Safety, and also help with wireless for the bedridden. With the Men's Branch we have taken interest in a home for mentally afflicted children and adults, and we have knitted seventeen blankets for B.E.L.R.A. We have not much time to spare—but we all love doing it.

NEW MALDEN: The 10th October, 1957, writes Nellie Bamfield, was a red-letter day for this Branch, as not only did it receive the status of a Branch but it celebrated its first birthday; also, it became the proud possessor of a Rushlight received from Farnham, Surrey. A Service of Re-dedication, which was held at Christ Church, was well supported by members from the Putney, Richmond and Wimbledon Branches. Light was taken by our Chairman; buffet supper was served at our usual meeting hall.

WANTED IN DORSET—and in January: Freda Brooks has asked us to draw attention to the fact that additional staff will be needed, in "a small missionary guest house," and that the posts are open to women between the ages of approximately 25-40

years and of all Christian denominations. Women are needed for (a) cooking and housework; (b) farm and garden, and (c) craft work and gift shop. All posts are residential; applications and references should be sent to The Warden, Compton Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCHES: In reprinting this booklet it was decided to rewrite Chapter Five more fully. On application to Crutched Friars House, a copy of this revised chapter will be available (without charge, but please send a stamped addressed envelope) for Branches already studying the syllabus. The full revised booklet is 1/-, postage extra.

H.R.H. PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OF KEN has graciously consented to be present at a performance of *The Dancing Years* by Ivor Novello to be given, by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society, for the benefit of Toc H on Thursday, 18th February, 1958, at the Scala Theatre, London. This is the third occasion on which the Society has helped Toc H.

GOOD OPENINGS exist for women over 30 as Matrons and Assistant Matrons of old people's homes . . . and there are special training courses available: one runs from January 27th-7th May 1958. For fuller details write to The Secretary, The National Old People's Welfare Council, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1

GIFTS: For those willing and able to help by sending gifts to the Hungarian refugees in Austria this winter, the Austrian Government will allow importation free of customs. Parcels, which may include such things as garden seeds, school materials, tools, and ski-ing clothes, should be addressed as follows:

Arthur Foster, World Council of Churches, 23 Astergasse,
Salzburg, Austria.

(Arthur Foster and his wife are Toc H members and he was at one time on the staff.)

BARCLAY BARON (affectionately known to all as "Barkis") retired from the staff at the end of 1957, after more than 30 years in the service of Toc H. Throughout the years, the Women's Association have had in Barkis an understanding friend, ready at all times to give encouragement and help. We at Crutched Friars House were glad to have him with us here just before he left for Hong Kong and, together with other of his Tower Hill friends, to express to him on behalf of the whole Association, our love and gratitude, and to drink his health and wish him God Speed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Rebecca Randall on receiving the M.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List for service to Blind Welfare. Miss Randall has addressed a number of Toc H Women's Association Branch meetings during the last two years.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Log Competition winners—Bromley

Branch. Sylvia Beaman has sent them the book token prize. Bromley tied with Hampstead by their skill in placing the six suggestions given in the order of usefulness established by the general vote. As it was a tie, the Publications Committee then took into account the *seventh* idea and awarded the prize to Bromley—who wrote: A copy should be sent regularly to local hostels, e.g., Y.W.C.A. In this way young girls may be interested.

NORTH WALES AND BORDER AREA report a successful Training Week-end, held at Llandudno, on October 26th and 27th. Ninety members from Branches all over the area met at a Family Gathering on Saturday afternoon. After tea a Merrie Night was held, with Evelyn Edwards as our hostess. The members of the various Branches gave a wonderful entertainment. Sunday was the day for serious thought and began with a short Service conducted by Peth (Mrs. A. Davidson, now Regional Secretary). Lessons were read by May Jones, of Conway, and Margery Steadman, of Olfa's Dyke; prayers were led by Marjorie Parry (Llandudno) and Betty Rivett (Llandudno Central). Light was taken by Lily Lloyd, of Wrexham. This was followed by a talk on "Our Toc H Heritage", by Frances Beeton. Peth, who was Chairman for the week-end, took Home-going Prayers, and a vote of thanks was expressed by Pollie Lyon, Area Chairman.

WINTER LECTURES continue at Crutched Friars House, at 7.15 on the last Friday in every month. On January 24th, Norman Motley will deal with *Encounter with the Community*; on February 28th J. G. N. Morley with *The Christian in Journalism*.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Toc H Women's Association Summer School this year will be held at Poperinge and bookings will be accepted after 1st February, 1958. The School is open to members of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association, from 23rd August to 30th August, 1958, and the cost for the week is likely to be approximately £18. os. od.

NORTH AND EAST MIDLANDS FESTIVAL, on Saturday, October 12th, opened with a Service in Leicester Cathedral, at which Norman Motley preached. Later in the afternoon, he was also one of the forum panel chaired by the Rev. Berkeley Cole, Arch-deacon of Loughborough. The other three members of the lively panel were Marguerita Fowler, General Secretary of the Toc H Women's Association; the Matron of Leicester Royal Infirmary, Miss C. Bell, and the deputy director of education for Leicestershire, Mr. M. O. Palmer. Questions on matters as wide-ranging as divorce and The Sack (not the firing-squad, but the fashion garment!) came up, and there was one sentence about the father's part in the home that Rita wishes she had finished! Wellingborough Toc H Male Voice Choir, a short sketch, *How Bitter the Bread*, and Home-going-Prayers, were other important aspects of this impressive Festival. Freda Ball, of Rushden, made this

comment, which must echo the thoughts of many: "To those members who were unable to be with us owing to Asian 'flu—we are sorry you had to miss such a happy Festival. To the Committee, our thanks; we thoroughly enjoyed it all and your hard work was worth while.

SUDBURY: N.M.K. writes: The year was 1936. In Sudbury, Suffolk, the Toc H Branch was strong and active. Inspired by this, perhaps, Eileen Lane invited five friends to meet Miss Thomas (Tommy), Regional Secretary at that time. As a result, the Sudbury Branch of the League of Women Helpers was born. In October, 1957, this Branch celebrated their coming-of-age, with the founder and three of the original five present. To help the festivities, along came the sixteen other Branches in the Constable Area. They were "ushered" into their places in St. Peter's Church by members of the Sudbury Toc H Association Branch.

The Re-dedication Service was to have been taken by the Rev. Cashmore, Bishop of Dunwich, but at 4 p.m. that afternoon a message came that he had succumbed to the "prevailing ailment from the East". These were the words of Canon Barton of St. Peter's, who conducted the Service alone and who endeared himself to all, by giving a real Toc H address.

After the Service we walked across the road to the Town Hall of this little market town in Suffolk, which has seen many Toc H gatherings and where, a few weeks ago, we held our Autumn Fayre for our Special Effort. Then came a highlight—the cutting of the lovely two-tiered cake, topped by an elegant silver vase, a birthday gift from friends in the Rhodes district. Behind the knife, to perform the ceremony, were Eileen Lane, the founder of the Branch, who now lives in Oxford, and Cobby Dyer, present Pilot. While the cake was making the rounds, Cobby read greetings telegrams, first of which was from the Association's Patron, H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Then the Chairman took the roll call, all concerned taking a bow, until it was five minutes to nine and time for "Light". Dr. Grace Griffith spoke the word, the hall was darkened, and seventeen Lamps were lit. Dr. Grace took "Light", and in the silence, the nearby St. Peter's clock struck 9 o'clock. We sat down to listen to Miss Macfie. She spoke to us on the birthday theme, the looking back and the looking ahead. She mentioned ideas and schemes fostered and encouraged by the Women's Association in the past and concluded by reminding us of the corneal grafting scheme.

The Chairman then rose to her feet to give a vote of thanks to Miss Macfie, and was going on, to include all concerned, but before she could continue, there came an interruption. Our ushers had something on their minds. Their Chairman got to his feet and wished us many happy returns, and to our delight, presented us with a lovely stand for our Lamp and a bouquet with twenty-seven flowers, "one for each member of the Branch".

LISTED

By JEAN PERRY

MORE £20 & OVER EFFORTS

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Carlisle	£15 + £9 . 5 . 0
Dorking	£30
Ecclesfield	£20
Epsom	£8 . 12 . 0 + £40
Finchley and Whetstone	£12 + £9 + £3
Hartlepools	£21 . 1 . 0 + £7 . 4 . 6
Heaton-le-Hole	£8 + £14
Houghton-le-Spring	£10 + £10 + £8
Florence	£30
Luton	£11 + £13 . 15 . 0
St. Albans	£19 . 5 . 0 + £2 . 18 . 0
Shelthorpe	£18 + £2 + £6 . 13 . 4
Stowmarket	£26
Weymouth	£5 + £1 . 5 . 6 + £18 . 5 . 0
London Area	
Belra Garden Party	£55
Stranton	£26
Oxford District	£25
Sudbury	£55
Peterborough District	£54 . 18 . 8
Derby District	£82 . 19 . 2
Burn Valley	£20
Carisbrooke	£60
Trimley	£20
Bishops Stortford	£20
Hayes	£20
Peterborough	£25

(to 21st November 1957.)

REPORT

by F. M. BEETON

The British National Conference on
Social Work, Edinburgh, 1957 . . .

AS we came to the top stair and turned into the great hall we gasped with astonished admiration, unprepared for the beauty, dignity and proportion of the University Library. There it stretched, apparently into infinity, ornate arched ceiling curving over its high, fluted pillars, surely one of the finest works of Robert Adam who was master of the vista in buildings and of proportioned ornamentation.

It was a privilege to end our British National Conference on Social Work held in Edinburgh in such a setting, and to be reminded with pawky humour by the Rector, Sir Sidney Smith, that though the Conference had thought widely it was of little avail if it had not also thought deeply and meant to follow up with effective action.

For three packed days young people and their needs had been considered by workers of every description, from teachers and psychiatric specialists to industrial Welfare Officers, Toc H members and even parents! Representatives from 22 countries had gathered and the glorious saris of two delegates gave a romantic touch.

We were tremendously indebted to Prof. Allan Moncrieff, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. for his humorous and able guidance and summing up, and to all the masterly speakers, but also for all the preliminary work done by 1,500 people in discussion groups all over the country, whose findings were summed up in the Conference Handbook.

We were reminded by Sir John Wolfenden, C.B.E., the Conference was not an isolated event but one step in years of process, the gathering together of thought with a view to steps forward.

The fundamental importance of the home was emphasised by the fact that two of the five subjects set for discussion and for plenary sessions were on the home and home-making, and constantly during the discussion and talks on leisure, education or young people at work, we came back to the basic need of a sound home background influence. For instance, it was pointed out that education can produce "Emotionally immature technicological giants" if people have not grown up in a home where persons "work out the strains and stresses of life with good humour".

IT would be impossible to give any adequate idea of the wealth of thought that went into the Conference but one would urge that all members concerned with youth work should obtain both the Handbook and the Report of the Conference. There would be ample basis for study for months to come.

TWO VALUED MEMBERS

WE record the passing of two valued members from early days. Mrs. Lionel Ford, who died at Windsor, on September 2nd, was **MAY TALBOT** daughter of the Bishop of Winchester, and sister of Ted, Neville and Gilbert. She became a member of our first Executive Committee in 1922, and when her husband became Dean of York she took an active part in the formation of a women's Branch in that city. After his death, she went to live at Windsor and continued to take a real interest in Toc H. She was a personality whose charm and good humour gave happiness to many.

Mrs. SARAH TURNOR who died on September 29th, became a member in 1925. A friend wrote of her in "The Times" that "she worked for and promoted good causes of every kind, and her kindness and generosity to individuals were infinite and unrecorded. Her faith was profound and her joy was in keeping with it." She was once our hostess for a conference at her home at Stoke Rochford, near Grantham, in early days; but she was better known among us as a regular helper in the Lunch Club, where she presided at the desk two or three times a week for several years.

EYE BEQUESTS

THREE is good news from many parts of the country of the interest being shown in the bequest of eyes, after death, for therapeutic purposes, and in some places our members and Branches are doing good publicity work in this cause. We hear that one Branch in the S.E. Region has twenty-one members who have donated their eyes for Corneal Grafting when they will "no longer need them, though, indeed, they may then be able to see more clearly than ever before". They are all registered at a well-known eye hospital and their doctors also have a signed copy of their bequest forms.

It may be emphasised that "spreading accurate information, so creating an enlightened public opinion", is one of the most important ways in which we can help. This is set out very clearly in our memorandum, "Sight Restoration Through Corneal Grafting", copies of which are obtainable from Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.

A.B.S.M.

LETTERS . . .

LETTERS FROM ABROAD . . .

are interesting to many members at home—and one letter published in *The LOG* reaches a wider circle than one sent privately! This is just a reminder that we look forward to your news and the argument is put forward to make you see how valuable it is to write . . . (Yes, we said this once on p. 15—we say it again!)

Dear Editor,

In the past, I believe that you have been good enough to publicise in *The LOG* the room which the Eastbourne Branch of Toc H have to let. I should be most grateful if you can again offer us this service.

The room is now available throughout the year and the weekly rent is two guineas. The accommodation affords a bed-sitting room with a convertible bed and a single folding bed, with use of kitchen, and gas is included in the rent.

Will anyone wishing to book the room please write as soon as possible to me at 8 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, Sussex, giving if possible two or three alternative dates. Bookings will be considered for one or two weeks. Children cannot be accepted unless under one year or over twelve years old.

ERNEST D. GEORGE

(Treasurer, Men's Branch, Toc H, Eastbourne.)

Dear Editor,

I was interested in the article "In the Service of the Church" but was sorry only the work of women in the Church of England was mentioned.

The field of service open to women in the Free Churches is even wider. I have an Aunt who is a fully ordained Minister in charge of a Congregational Church, who received equal training with the men. The Methodists also have many fully trained women assistants. I know you are squashed for space but I hope you will be able soon to complete the picture of the part women can take "In the Service of the Church."

JAN MAIN

(Southsea)

Dear Editor,

Here is a copy of a letter, that we have received from India, and members from our Branch would be delighted, if you would publish it, or at least, parts of it, in one of our forthcoming *LOGS*.

DORIS TURNER, Sec.
(Houghton-le-Spring)

LETTERS

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Dear Houghton-le-Spring Toc H members.

At last I have sat down to write to you all, on behalf of the receivers of the lovely and most useful gifts, which you so kindly sent out to us. We received them after we returned from our holidays in the hills. There was not anything extra to pay on the postage, only the usual customs duty which came to 30/- which was well worth it. Thank you all so very much indeed. Now that we are back again, there is plenty of work on the go. First of all the schools all started a new term and that always involves a lot of work. The schools here are not so complicated as the ones at home. The boys and girls bring only a very small amount of luggage, either wrapped up in a cloth or packed up in a very small tin trunk. They hand in their fees, which can be paid either in rice or lentils, or in money. Some pay half-and-half. The fee for one month is about 16/- for small boys and 18/- for bigger boys, and £1-0-0 for the High School boys. It is a lot less than the fees in an English Boarding School, but then of course the things are very much cheaper here, and the rate of pay is very small compared with the cost of living at home. The children learn all the usual things, including gardening and farming etc., etc. They read up to middle fourth form standard. A few stay on in a hostel and read up to matric in the High School, some win scholarships into the universities. There are some very able men among the aborigines, among whom our work is car-

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OF DEATH DIRECT TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND
NOT TO THE EDITOR.

ried out. They also play football, hockey, netball and various games of their own. Talking of schools always reminds me that we are in the process of building a new set of class rooms for the boys. Part of it has already been built, but has been held up for lack of funds. We are now desperately trying to get some more money so that we can finish the job next hot weather.

Now that the rains have come we are very busy planting vegetables, and raising rice seedlings ready to plant out in 3 weeks' time. The atmosphere is humid and warm, rather like a greenhouse so the plants are growing very fast. We are also growing crops to make into silage to feed our two government cows and two bullocks, and also we have been promised a bull, we are expected to feed and look after it so that the villagers can use it to improve the local cattle, by producing better stock. At the moment there is a scheme, where the government are sending out trained workers to show the village folk how to improve their crops, and how to look after their homes and families etc., etc. This is all part of the 2nd year of the five year plan. Everyone is so busy at this time of the year that they do not have any time to be ill, so the hospital is not very busy, but of course there are babies to be born, and one or two emergencies, but nothing compared to the number of patients that will come when the work is finished in the fields. We had a lovely holiday in the hills at a place called Mussoorie, near Behra Dun. It is very near the Himalayas, and we could see quite plainly the snows of the highest peaks, but we could not see Everest. We do not get leave to come home until January, 1959, but the time is going very quickly. Thank you all very much for sending the blankets, etc., it was very kind of you.

With all good wishes to you all,

ROSEMARY & FRANK STREATFIELD

Dear Editor,

I am enclosing an item of news from Moston Branch. As you will see it refers to our Twenty-first Birthday which was last Saturday, and although I note that the last date for copy is November 18th, I am wondering if this could possibly be included in the next edition of the Log, otherwise it will be rather old news.

JOAN NIELD
(Moston Branch.)

Sorry! A printer once said to me in my early days: "Type is not indiarubber, Miss Vise!" . . . there comes a moment when no more can be squeezed in. NOTES AND NEWS copy won't hold another line—but at least your letter, arriving after copy deadline, shows you've had a 21st Birthday—may you have twenty-one more! Report in next number.—EDITOR.

Highlights at the Toc H Festival

December 7th - 8th

SATURDAY The restored All Hallows crowded with Toc H folk enjoying its beauty.

Two wonderful lunches provided by the 'Two Forty Twos'.

Banners in Seething Lane moving in to All Hallows; received by Tubby, with the singing of the great Te Deum.

Two lovely services in the Abbey and Westminster Chapel.

In the Albert Hall—John Callf's opening words of greeting, and messages from overseas. His beautiful singing of 'Happy Birthday to you' from Uganda.

The Masque so excellently produced, setting Toc H squarely into the heart of life and work today.

SUNDAY Morning at All Hallows—the corporate Communion and a perfect sermon from the Bishop of Lancaster. The Happy Atmosphere and spontaneity of the Family Gathering.

John Durham's final sermon: Toc H having set its hand to the plough must go forward with our Lord.

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